

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
HAMMOND DIVISION**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
UPON A PLEA OF GUILTY BY DEFENDANT ELISSA SALAZAR**

TO: THE HONORABLE JOSEPH S. VAN BOKKELEN,  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Upon Defendant Elissa Salazar's request to enter a plea of guilty pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this matter came for hearing before Magistrate Judge John E. Martin on August 24, 2016, with the consent of Defendant Salazar, counsel for Defendant Salazar, and counsel for the United States of America.

The hearing on Defendant Salazar's plea of guilty was in full compliance with Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11 before the Magistrate Judge in open court and on the record.

In consideration of that hearing and the statements made by Defendant Salazar under oath on the record and in the presence of counsel, the remarks of the Assistant United States Attorney and of counsel for Defendant Salazar,

I FIND as follows:

(1) that Defendant Salazar understands the nature of the charge against her to which the plea is offered;

(2) that Defendant Salazar understands her right to trial by jury, to persist in her plea of not guilty, to the assistance of counsel at trial, to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, and her right against compelled self-incrimination;

(3) that Defendant Salazar understands what the maximum possible sentence is, including the effect of the supervised release term, and Defendant Salazar understands that the sentencing guidelines apply and that the Court may depart from those guidelines under some circumstances;

(4) that the plea of guilty by Defendant Salazar has been knowingly and voluntarily made and is not the result of force or threats or of promises;

(5) that Defendant Salazar is competent to plead guilty;

(6) that Defendant Salazar understands that her answers may later be used against her in a prosecution for perjury or false statement;

(7) that there is a factual basis for Defendant Salazar's plea; and further,

**I RECOMMEND** that the Court accept Elissa Salazar's plea of guilty to the offenses charged in Count 1 of the Indictment and that Defendant Salazar be adjudged guilty of the offenses charged in Count 1 of the Indictment and have a sentence imposed. A Presentence Report has been ordered. Should this Report and Recommendation be accepted and Defendant Salazar be adjudged guilty, sentencing before Judge Joseph S. Van Bokkelen will be set at a later date by separate order. Objections to the Findings and Recommendation are waived unless filed and served within fourteen (14) days. *See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).*

So ORDERED this 24th day of August, 2016.

s/ John E. Martin

MAGISTRATE JUDGE JOHN E. MARTIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

cc: All counsel of record  
Honorable Joseph S. Van Bokkelen